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# RELATION

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## A Monstrous Female-Child,

With two Heads, four Eyes, four Ears, two Noses, two Mouths,  
and four Arms, four Legs, and all things else proportiona-  
bly, fixed to one Body.

Born about the 19 of May last, at a Village called Ill-Brewers near

# TAUNTON DEAN

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## Somerfet-shire.

LIKEWISE

A true and perfect Account of its form so prodigiously strange,  
with several remarkable passages observed from it, since its  
Birth, so great and amazing, that the like has not been  
known in many Ages; with many other Circumstances.



As it was faithfully Communicated in a Letter, by a person of worth, living in  
Taunton-Dean, to a Gentleman here in London, and Attested by many hun-  
dreds of no mean Rank; and well known to several Gentlemen in and about  
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A True  
**RELATION**  
 OF  
**A Monstrous Female-Child,**

Born about the 6th of *May* last, at a Village near  
*Taunton-Dean* in *Somerset-shire*. &c.

**W**onderful are the Productions of Nature, and great-  
 to be admired, providence that Rules the world  
 and orders all below, has marked out various and  
 sundry Forms and shapes not usual, nor Common, but such as  
 may fill all persons with Astonishment, for who can hear and  
 not be amazed at what we here intend for to relate, a thing so  
 monstrous strange and wonderful, the like of which has not been  
 heard of nor seen in many Ages past, viz. A Female Infant,  
 or more properly two Females joyned in one, so much beyond  
 the skill of Art to make a separation between; that all conclude  
 them to be two distinct Bodies joyned so firmly in the Womb,  
 Back to Back. It's first appearance in the World was about the  
 6th Instant of *May*, after a long expectation, and a tedious Tra-  
 vel, The groaning Mother was disburthened of the Monstrous  
 Brth, whose frightful Apparition so amazed the several Assistants  
 and Spectators, that starting back all pale, they knew not what  
 to think, but long time stood doubtful in their wonder, e're they  
 durst approach, supposing it more dreadful than it was, but after  
 a more curious View, they found it was a humain Creature, and  
 bore the stamp (though in an unusual Form) of woman, so  
 that taking heart, they animated each other so far, as to take it  
 in their Arms, whilst with a double Voice it cried aloud, and  
 found it in all proportions as followeth, viz. That it had two  
 perfect

perfect heads, as large and as lively as any Children usually have at their Births; which were supported by two different Necks, which grow from the united Body or Bodies, two Female Faces, beautiful, fair, and of a pleasant Aspect; in which were plainly imprinted all the smiling Graces of well-promising Virgins; two rolling Eyes each Face contained, two Ears, both in their proper places. Upon each Noses and Mouths, of fit and proportionable Largeness, the Bodies joyning Back to Back, two Arms grew on one side and two on the other, with all their joynts as pliable and Active as tender strength could allow, at the end of each Arm a fair hand with Fingers, Thumbs, and all placed in due Order, having in all sixteen Fingers and four Thumbs; the breast-bones and Ribs divided from each other, so curious was Nature in perfecting the work, that it would not leave any thing out of Frame, the very Nipples though but small appearing a due number of Ribs and a panting Heart on each left side, so that all believe notwithstanding this wondrous Conjunction that it contains two dividual Sou's so wonderful are all the works of the omnipotent Creator, who formed us of Dust, and so can make tis as it best pleases him. But when the Infant or Infants, which you please, cry, their Voices or Cries are of the self same note, though 'tis seldome that both heads cry together. The Backs being joyned, two Bellies do equally appear, with Navels Bowels and all other things requisite in Nature as Female-Privities, places of Evacuation and the like; so that there remains no imperfection to perfect two Females, only their strict conjunction in one, four Legs likewise are in order joyned and placed, having Toes and Feet proportionable to the great consternation and amazement of many hundreds who dayly flock thither to see the monstrous work of Nature, and admire so great a piece of curiosity during the time of the Mothers Travel she was so big and unwieldy, that all concluded that she would have two Children or Twins at that Birth; which observations and asseverations did not altogether fail, though it happened at a more strange rate than was expected, the Father of this duplicit or double infant, is as it is averred, no other than a poor honest laborious man and takes great pains for the Maintainance of himself and his Family being a Man of very honest Repute, and free from all aspersions of Vice or exorbitances, the which as to many of the censorious of this Age might have imputed the Cause



Cause of so strange an accident, yet not altogether to leave the Reader in an extasie of thought or admiration at this wonderful birth of nature and work of providence, there is several learned Historians that make mention of the like tho' tis very rare, for as it is recorded by a warrantable Author in his Book of Nature, of the like Birth that happened, and that the Children so joyned in the womb being brought forth did live for several years : being chearful and pleasant, endued with understanding and all other capacities incident to rational souls, and that they so continued, till one of them dying and by reason there could not be made a Section to separate the dead from the living without hazarding the Life of the remaining, he continued alive till the noisomeness of the deceased infected him, and thereby, and by no other Cause as could be conjectured he dyed. So may we see the wonders of the omnipotent God, and that we can or ought to do herein, is to adore his Divine Majesty, and with the Prophet say, *This is the Lords doing, and it is marvellous in our Eyes.*

**F I N I S.**

